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Alpha Interferon

Administration

Your protocol includes both alpha interferon and IL-2. All the information in this booklet pertains to you. The alpha interferon will be administered by I.V. three times a day. You will usually receive the interferon within 30 minutes after your IL-2 has been administered. Your nurse will take your vital signs before and after the interferon has been given. If necessary, your nurses will monitor your vital signs more often than every 4 hours.

Side Effects

The side effects from interferon are very similar to those from IL-2. Most patients have experienced a chill. If you begin to feel cold, tell your nurse who will give you warm blankets and Demerol if necessary. You may also have a fever due to these chills, and this is not unexpected. You will receive acetaminophen every 4 hours to reduce any high fevers.

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